

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): An elevator apparatus comprising:

- a car that is raised and lowered within a hoistway;
- a drive unit that raises and lowers the car;
- a drive control portion that controls the drive unit;
- a safety device that is provided on the car and configured to bring the car to an emergency stop;
- a safety control portion that detects an abnormality in an elevator and outputs an actuation signal;
- an electrical actuator portion that actuates the safety device in response to the actuation signal output from the safety control portion, the electrical actuator is configured to actuate the safety device through mechanical transmission of a control force through a speed governor rope;
- a mechanical actuator portion that mechanically detects an abnormality in the elevator and actuates the safety device through mechanical transmission of a control force through the speed governor rope; and
- a backup power source for enabling functioning of at least ~~of~~ the drive unit and the drive control portion in case of power failure.

Claim 2 (Original): An elevator apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the mechanical actuator portion detects an overspeed of the car.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): An elevator apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the mechanical actuator portion detects a break in fewer than all of [[the]] plural main ropes suspending the car within the hoistway.

Claim 4 (Original): An elevator apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein in case of power failure, electric power supply by the backup power source is cut off after the car has been moved to a landing floor by the drive control portion.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): An elevator apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein the backup power source further enables functioning of the safety control portion and the electrical ~~actuation~~ actuator portion in case of power failure, and

wherein in case of power failure, electric power supply by the backup power source is cut off after the car is moved to a landing floor and the safety device is activated by the electrical ~~activator~~ actuator portion.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): An elevator apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein the backup power source further enables functioning of the safety control portion and the electrical ~~actuation~~ actuator portion in case of power failure, and

wherein in case of power failure, the safety device is actuated by cutting off electric power supply by the backup power source after the car is moved to a landing floor.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): An elevator apparatus comprising:

a car that is raised and lowered within a hoistway;

a drive unit that raises and lowers the car;

a drive control portion that controls the drive unit;

a safety device that is provided on the car and configured to bring the car to an emergency stop;

a safety control portion that detects an abnormality in an elevator and outputs an actuation signal;

an electrical actuator portion that actuates the safety device in response to the actuation signal output from the safety control portion;

a backup power source for enabling functioning of the drive unit, the drive control portion, the safety control portion, and the electrical actuator portion in case of power failure; and

in case of power failure, the safety device is actuated by cutting off electric power supply by the backup power source after the car is moved to a landing floor by the drive control portion.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): An elevator apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein in case of power failure, electric power supply by the backup power source is cut off after the car is moved to a landing floor by the drive control portion and the safety device is actuated by the electrical actuator portion.

Claim 9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): An elevator apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the drive control portion and the safety control portion are provided with storage portions in which operational information including positional information on the car is stored, and

wherein operation of the elevator apparatus is resumed based on the operational information stored in the storage portions after a termination of a power failure.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): An elevator apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein the drive control portion and the safety control portion are provided with storage portions in which operational information including positional information on the car is stored, and

wherein operation of the elevator apparatus is resumed based on the operational information stored in the storage portions after a termination of a power failure.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): An elevator apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the safety control portion detects a break in fewer than all of [[the]] plural main ropes suspending the car within the hoistway.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): An elevator apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the electrical actuator portion is mounted to the hoistway.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): An elevator apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the electrical actuator portion actuates the safety device through mechanical transmission of a control force through a rope catching mechanism that stops rotation of a speed governor sheave mounted to the hoistway, and a speed governor rope mounted on the speed governor sheave and attached to the safety device.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): An elevator apparatus comprising:
a car that is raised and lowered within a hoistway;

a drive unit that raises and lowers the car;

a drive control portion that controls the drive unit;

a safety device that is provided on the car and configured to bring the car to an emergency stop;

a safety control portion that detects a break in fewer than all of the plural main ropes suspending the car within the hoistway and outputs an actuation signal based on the detected break;

an electrical actuator portion that actuates the safety device in response to the actuation signal output from the safety control portion;

a mechanical actuator portion that mechanically detects an abnormality in the elevator and actuates the safety device through mechanical transmission of a control force; and

a backup power source for enabling functioning of at least the drive unit and the drive control portion in case of power failure.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): An elevator apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein the mechanical actuator portion detects a break in fewer than all of the plural main ropes suspending the car within the hoistway.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): An elevator apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein in case of power failure, the safety device is actuated by cutting off electric power supply by the backup power source after the car is moved to a landing floor by the drive control portion.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): An elevator apparatus comprising:

a car that is raised and lowered within a hoistway;

a drive unit that raises and lowers the car;

a drive control portion that controls the drive unit;

a safety control portion that detects an abnormality in an elevator and outputs an actuation signal;

a safety device that is provided on the car and configured to bring the car to an emergency stop, the safety device having an actuator portion for actuating the safety device in response to the actuation signal output from the safety control portion;

a mechanical actuator portion that mechanically detects an abnormality in the elevator and actuates the safety device through mechanical transmission of a control force through [[the]] a speed governor rope; and

a backup power source for enabling functioning of at least the drive unit and the drive control portion in case of power failure.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): An elevator apparatus comprising:

a car that is raised and lowered within a hoistway;

a drive unit that raises and lowers the car;

a drive control portion that controls the drive unit;

a safety control portion that detects an abnormality in an elevator and outputs an actuation signal;

a safety device that is provided on the car and configured to bring the car to an emergency stop, the safety device having an actuator portion for actuating the safety device in response to the actuation signal output from the safety control portion; and

a backup power source for enabling functioning of the drive unit, the drive control portion, the safety control portion, and the actuator portion in case of power failure,

wherein, in case of power failure, the safety device is actuated by cutting off electric power supply by the backup power source after the car is moved to a landing floor by the drive control portion.